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Ward Meetings

The main purpose of issuing a second newsletter so quickly is to remind you of the East Ward Meetings to be held at 7.30p.m. on Wednesday Aug. 17 at Malvern Town Hall and 7.30p.m. on Wednesday Aug. 31 at Phoenix Park Community Centre. The three East Ward Councillors will be at both meetings. If you get a chance to promote MEG please do so.

Our thanks to Pat and Mervyn Rattle who delivered copies of our first newsletter to the 23 residents who had objected to the proposed development at 62 Sycamore St. and to Joyce O'Neill who delivered them to a number of residents who made submissions at VCAT regarding 100 Burke Rd.

Neighborhood Character Study

Eight members of MEG attended Stonnington Council's Community Consultation Meeting regarding its Neighborhood Character Study. That was a great response from a group that is only 7 weeks old. Remy Favre and Ann Reid have been selected to join the Community Committee (I suspect we were the only ones from this area who volunteered!). The Committee comprises 4 Councillors and 10 community members and an architect. The first meeting is on August 17 from 5.30 to 7p.m.

Meeting with the Minister

Arrangements are going ahead for the meeting with the Minister when he will be asked by the Coalition of Groups for a moratorium on Melbourne 2030 and a prescriptive Planning Code. The flaws of M2030 will be a significant part of this meeting. Meetings with government Ministers take a great deal of time and work.

The Working Group of the Coalition is meeting this week and, hopefully on Friday, the final arrangements will be made with his staff.

100 Burke Rd.

The Burke Rd. decision was appalling for residents. Despite the recommendation from the Planning Department for approval of the development with the third storey deleted and a unanimous decision by Councillors to refuse the application altogether the VCAT member chose to set aside everything that was said by the Responsible Authority and by the residents. He issued a permit which ignored all issues of residential amenity. He did not consider the height excessive even though it exceeded the ResCode Standard by 2.2m.

VCAT Appeals

There is no decision regarding 12 Maroora St. yet. The same residents will be making submissions at the appeal against a development at 10 MacGregor St. on August 19. If you have some spare time you might like to go to the hearing at 55 King St. to support them.

Those who remember the development on the corner of Waverley and Darling Rds. might be interested to know that the applicant applied to Council for permission to put balconies on those units that will be facing Waverley Rd. Council granted the permit with conditions. The applicant then lodged an appeal at VCAT against these conditions.

There is a Mediation Hearing listed for that appeal on August 23.

Applications in Malvern East

Subdivision Applications

61 Fisher St: 2 lot subdivision

77 Finch St: 2 lot subdivision to realign boundary.

2-4 Lloyd St.-Church Hall-Kindergarten: 4 lot subdivision.

89 Chadstone Rd: 2 lot subdivision.

313 Waverley Rd: the most surprising one of all is this application for a 63 lot subdivision. I am in the process of discovering more information about that one. There are 43 units and 4 shops. One wonders what else is left to be subdivided other than the car spaces and that does not add up to 63

Applications

26 Arcadia St: Demolition and development of 2 double storey dwellings.

62 Sycamore St: Development of 8 attached dwellings within a 3 level building with basement car parking.

617 Waverley Rd: 2 dwellings on one lot... extra 2 storey dwelling at rear of site.
510 Waverley Rd. Additional dwelling on lot.

26 Repton Rd: 2 double storey dwellings and a 2 lot subdivision.

Permit Issued

6 Prior St: a permit has been issued for 2 double storey dwellings.

In the News This Week

The dual towers at Mitcham were given the go-ahead this week when the Supreme Court rejected Whitehorse Council's appeal against the VCAT decision for a 17 and 11 storey development near the Mitcham station. If this sort of development can proceed in Mitcham it opens the door to such excessive development at any Neighborhood Activity Centre and there are several such centres in Malvern East.

On P.24 of the Business Section of The Age on Saturday August 13 there is an article in which a director of Savill "**is damning of the Melbourne 2030 blueprint and its failure to recognize developers' needs.**" Makes one weep, doesn't it?

Also in this week's news is that Minister Hulls has called in the controversial proposal for Smith St. Collingwood. CAG (Collingwood Action Group) has been working for a long time to have this proposal considered by a panel rather than at VCAT. The group is holding a public meeting in Smith St. on Saturday August 27 at 11 a.m. CAG is a part of the Coalition of Groups of which we are a member and it would be good to go there on the 27th to support them. You never know when we will want the support of other residents' groups in Melbourne.

Advice re Planning Applications

We have written some points for residents re Planning Applications to which they wish to object. It is an attachment to this newsletter and will be on our website. For those who do not have email please ring if you want a copy.

On the Internet

Websites

Have you visited the MEG website yet? Scott Samuel has set it up and is gradually adding relevant information.

<http://home.people.net.au/~meghome.php>

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